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Block Quotes

Monday, November 13, 2006

-- Liberal Imad Al-Saif wrote under the title "The Deaf at a Concert" in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (11/13):

"Many Arabs do not know that the American electoral scene is more complex than it looks, or that if one party wins over the other it is not necessarily considered a coup against the existing situation. Arabs will soon discover that all their 'bets' were wrong and that their jubilation over the Democratic Party victory was not justifiable."

-- Radical Shiite anti-U.S. Dr. Sami Nasser Khalifa penned in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam under the title "A New Sedition in Iraq" (11/13):

"President Bush seeks to trigger a fresh sedition in Iraq. He will play this card in the hope of restoring popularity to his defeated party after its loss in the recent elections."

-- Under the title "Will Al-Mutanaby Solve the Problem?" Ali Tany Al-Fadhil editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam (11/13):

"Some might still wonder why some Muslims - youth in particular -- resort to extremism. They just see the results and forget about addressing the reasons, which stem from the Israeli military machine and the unlimited American support to one party against the other. The stupid fellow Arabs who denounce even criticizing these biased American policies that favor the Zionists forget that there are voices in the United States itself that condemn such biased American policies in favor of Israel."

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